GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:906
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2016
Construction Near Monuments
Chavan Shri Ashok Shankarrao;Gaikwad Dr. Sunil Baliram;Gupta Shri Sudheer;Jayavardhan Dr. Jayakumar;Kirtikar Shri Gajanan Chandrakant;Mahadik Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao;Mahato Shri Bidyut Baran;Patil Shri Vijaysinh Mohite;S.R. Shri Vijay Kumar;Satav Shri Rajeev Shankarrao;Singh Shri Bharatendra;Singh Shri Kunwar Haribansh;Venugopal Shri K. C.

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the law that forbids new construction close to protected monuments;

(b) if so, the details and status thereof and the reasons therefor including the time by which the existing law is likely to be amended;

(c) the number and details of projects of public interest which are coming in the close vicinity of protected monuments, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the step taken by the Government to protect the tranquility of ancient monuments?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a)&(b) To amend the law that forbids new construction close to protected monuments as per the provisions in Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Amendment & Validation Act, 2010 is under consideration by the Government.

(c) A list of five projects from the States of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal is enclosed.

(d) Government has taken all the steps as per the provisions of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act to protect the tranquility of ancient monuments under Archaeological Survey of India.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO THE REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 906 FOR 21.11.2016

LIST OF DETAILS OF PROJECTS OF PUBLIC INTREST

Sl. No. Applicant Name and Address Monument Name Remarks
1. Project Director, National Highway Authority of India, Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, CMU, 6P, Sector 16A, Faridabad Akbar Tomb Agra
(Uttar Pradesh) Rejected as the proposal falls in prohibited area

2. The Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Kolhapur Turobai Park Behind New Palace Post Office Bramhapuri Kolhapur (Maharashtra) Rejected as the proposal falls in prohibited area

3. The Managing Director, Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation Ltd., KMRC Bhawan, Munshi Prem Chand Sarani, Kolkata-700021 Beth-el-Synagogue, Currency Building, Maghen David Synagogue, Kolkata (West Bangal) Rejected as the proposal falls in prohibited area

4. The Divisional Engineer, Office of the Divisional Engineer (Highways) Projects Division, No: 18/46, 5th West Cross Road, Gandhi Nagar, Vellore-632006 Vellore Fort, Chennai
(Tamil Nadu) Rejected as the proposal falls in prohibited area

5. The Executive Engineer, PWD, Building Construction Division-1, Chepauk, Chennai-600005 Rampart, Gates, Bastion, Ravilions, Moat and Defence Walls, Chennai
(Tamil Nadu) Rejected as the proposal falls in prohibited area